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TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

JANUARY–MARCH, 1896.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at Chickering Hall, Monday, January 13, 1896, at 8.30 o'clock P.M.

President Daly in the chair.

The following persons, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society:

Hull Fanton. Clarence McK. Lewis. Dr. Franz Boas.

The Annual Report of the Council was then presented and read:

To the American Geographical Society:

The Council respectfully submits the following Report for the year 1895:

The number of Fellows on the 1st of January was 1,228, of whom 295 were Life Fellows. Seventy Fellows were elected during the year. The reductions by death, resignation, etc., were 149, and the whole number of Fellows at the close of the year was 1,149.

The Council has again to congratulate the Society on the condition of its finances. It has received from the executors of the late Vice-President, Maj.-Gen. Geo. W. Cullum, U.S.A., the full amount of the One Hundred Thousand dollars bequeathed in his Will towards providing, in part, for a fire-proof building for the security of the Library and valuable collections of the Society. The Council does not yet find itself, however, in a position to recommend to the Society the acquisition of a site and building for the purposes named in Gen. Cullum's munificent bequest. In the meanwhile the funds are invested in bonds secured by mortgages on real estate in the City of New York and its vicinity, guaranteed by Trust Companies, in whose solvency the Council has full confidence.

The accumulation of interest on the Cullum Geographical Medal Fund will, it is anticipated, soon justify the Council in entering upon the preparation of a design for the medal and proceeding to make the award.

The modifications in the manner of publication of the Bulletin have been, it is believed, for the better, and the suppression of the Supplement formerly issued as a separate number (No. 4. Part 2), has met with general approbation.

Towards the end of the year the public interest in the disputed boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela brought an unusual number of visitors to the rooms of the Society, for the purpose of consulting maps and atlases, of which our collection is very full and rich. This number of visitors has emphasized the need for increased accommodation, and it is hoped that the Society may soon be placed, by the generosity of friends, in a position to take steps towards the acquisition of a fire-proof building of ample size, worthy of the American Geographical Society.

In reviewing the work of the past year the Council dwells with peculiar satisfaction upon its prompt initiative in calling the attention of the American public to the necessity of despatching a vessel to Greenland to rescue the heroic Peary and his companions from what proved to be a position of the most imminent peril. The matter attracted the attention of the American Museum of Natural History and its friends and particularly its President, Mr. Morris K. Jesup, who generously fur-

nished the main part of the necessary funds and also relieved Mrs. Peary and Mr. Diebitsch of much of the labor and care of organizing the expedition.

The additions to the Library number 2,896, viz.: Books 514, Pamphlets and Periodicals 2,215, Atlases 24, Maps and Charts 143.

The cash balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the 31st of December was $14,069.49, as appears by his report, herewith submitted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) HENRY PARISH,
Chairman.

New York, Jan'y 4, 1896.

The Report of the Treasurer was then presented and read:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE YEAR 1895.

NEW YORK, January 1, 1896.

To the American Geographical Society:

The Treasurer respectfully reports the following Receipts and Expenditures of the Society for the year ending December 31, 1895:

The balance in the Union Trust Co., January 1, 1895, was...		$3,767.70
The Receipts have been:		
Dues...	$9,020.00	
Interest	5,975.01	
Sale of Publications	119.50	
Miscellaneous	9.70	
		15,124.21
		$18,891.91
There have also been received:		
From the Estate of Gen. Cullum	100,000.00	
From Title Guarantee and Trust Co., mortgage investment paid off	1,500.00	
From U. S. Mortgage Co., withdrawal of deposits	34,750.00	
And Interest on the Cullum Medal Fund..	164.66	
		136,414.66
		155,306.57
The Expenditures have been:		
House account	509.80	
Salaries	4,974.00	
Library	1,488.49	
Lectures	930.67	
Publications	2,052.49	
Stationery and postages	461.05	
Insurance	217.88	
Exploration account	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	52.70	
There has also been paid for guaranteed mortgages on property in New York City and its vicinity	129,550.00	
There remains on deposit in Union Trust Co. January 1, 1896	14,069.49	
		155,306.57

(Signed) WALTER R. T. JONES,
Treasurer.

The Committee charged with the duty of selecting candidates for the offices to be filled reported the following:

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1896:

To the American Geographical Society:

The Committee appointed by the Council December 7, 1895, to nominate suitable persons to fill the offices which become vacant in January, 1896, respectfully recommend the election of the following gentlemen:

For President—CHAS. P. DALY, LL.D., term to expire January, 1897.
For Vice-President—REV. C. C. TIFFANY, D.D., term to expire January, 1899.
For Treasurer—WALTER R. T. JONES, term to expire January, 1897.
For Domestic Corresponding Secretary—
JAMES M. BAILEY, term to expire January, 1899.
For Councillors—REAR-ADM. BANCROFT GHERARDI, U. S. N.,
WILLIAM G. HAMILTON,
HENRY HOLT,
CLARENCE KING,
CHARLES A. PEABODY,
Terms to expire January, 1899.

(Signed) CHANDLER ROBBINS, *Chairman,*
LEVI HOLBROOK,
FRANCIS M. BACON,
Nominating Committee.

On motion, duly seconded, Mr. Banyer Clarkson was authorized to cast the vote of the Society for the candidates, and they were declared duly elected.

The President then introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Cyrus C. Adams, who delivered a lecture on Progress in Africa.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

A Regular Meeting of the Society was held at Chickering Hall on Monday, February 10, 1896, at 8.30 o'clock P.M.

President Daly in the chair.

The following persons, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society:

James Owen, C.E. Thos. F. Burgess.
Henry Hartley, M.D., Vicksburg, Miss.

The President then introduced the speaker of the evening, Civil Engineer R. E. Peary, U.S.N., who addressed the Society on his Work in North Greenland in 1894 and 1895.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

A Regular Meeting of the Society was held at Chickering Hall, on Monday, March 9, 1896, at 8.30 o'clock P.M.

President Daly in the chair.

The President introduced the speaker of the evening, Prof. T. C. Mendenhall, late Superintendent of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, who addressed the Society on the Alaska Boundary Question.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

A Special Meeting of the Society was held at Chickering Hall, on Tuesday, March 24, 1896, at 8.30 o'clock P.M.

President Daly in the chair.

The following person, recommended by the Council, was elected a Fellow of the Society:

Edward F. Farquhar.

The President then introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. C. E. Borchgrevink, who addressed the Society on the First Landing on the Antarctic Continent, its Results and the Coming Expedition.

On motion, the Society adjourned.